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**TRIED IN THE FURNACE.**

Hermann Ridder's death is a distinct loss to the nation. As an editor, publicist and man of wide business responsibilities he attained prominence, and he wore his laurels modestly. He championed the cause of the Fatherland and worked diligently for all things German, except where they came into conflict with the interests of the United States.

He straddled no fence, tolerated no ambiguity, refused on decent terms, sought no end that might hazard a principle or jeopardize a national undertaking. He accepted the motto: "Our country, right or wrong. If right, to be kept right; if wrong, to be set right."

First of all, he was an American citizen, and he prized the privilege of citizenship, having tested its merits through poverty and obscurity to wealth and liberal recognition.

As editor of the Staats-Zeitung, he became a force in New York City, a power in every town and hamlet, and he was unusual in this respect: he exhibited ruggedness with tolerance, independence with the ability to adapt himself to altered conditions, unexpected alacrity.

Hermann Ridder, here is a wreath of admiration from an American to an American—from an American whose Americanism has cost nothing to an American whose heart has been wrung by controversy, whose mind has been assailed by the flames of courage purged free from all past preferences of blood, whose course has been a true course, though cast in the wilderness of anguish. You were very much a man, Hermann Ridder.

News item: German Crown Prince dead again.

Late returns indicate that Mississippi went democratic.

Wanted: mallards, redheads and geese for stuffing purposes.

Headline: "Morgan out of danger." Not so long as events turn the crank.

We suppose a bullet'll have to plunk Fonson before he'll forget how his name starts.

England offers Greece Cyprus, but Greece refuses to play ball anything short of mahogany.

The only reason leopards can't change their spots is, leopards aren't allowed in first-class drug stores.

Sausage weather is a little late this year, but sunshine on the outside almost makes up for sadness on the inside.

New York Clearing House deposits, \$5,194,629,000. Many figures have affected our eyes slightly; these are blinding.

Turkish reserves have been transferred to Thrace. Now let some such corps make those impudent birds kick out of the Thrace.

Carranza claims to be avenging the death of Madero. Carranza confiscates all property belonging to Madero's kinsmen. Evidently Carranza believes that the family should pay the funeral expenses.

President Wilson is to be married during the holidays. We hoped it would be sometime this side of Thanksgiving, so that we might have additional warrant for prayerful acceptance of post mortem.

Owing to glass eyes, an Austin man was exempted from jury service. This is most extraordinary. Prospective jurors with boneheads are seldom refused.

August Wissig, leader of German Socialists, avers that the food supply at home is low. We suppose this explains Emperor William's reason for keeping most of his soldiers in foreign countries.

Premier Asquith says that there is a full understanding between Great Britain and France as to maintaining the independence of Serbia. We don't doubt Mr. Asquith; but we think that he should make this point quite clear to Germany, Austria and Bulgaria. Right now the latter nations seem to be a little confused in extending and to the project.

**OTHER VIEWS**

**The Spy.**  
The plea of insanity made for him by the parents of the Princeton student, Fred, goes in the Tower of London under sentence of death as a spy is the only plea that might be heard by the British government.

No sane man of good purpose ever sought the execution of spy for the joy of the work. His own country need is a spy's only real excuse. The only honorable spy is one who knows that his work is dirty and does it in what he believes to be a clean and true way. Nathan Hale had no illusions on this subject. He held to the friends who tried to dissuade him from his last errand: "I know it's made of scoundrel information but for treason a diagnosis and passing into the enemy's camp I am fully sensible of the consequences of discovery and capture. I wish to be useful and even of service necessary for the public good becomes honorable by being necessary."

We may blame the British officers for their treatment of Hale in destroying his letters and denying him a proper burial, but we can not condemn them for handing him off all military law prescribes death for the captured spy.

The spy is an outlaw. All nations regard him as legitimate. The nation for which he works raises no voice to save him when his day of capture comes. The world could be uniform if treated as a prisoner of war, but the spy's fate is anomalous.

There is little honor for the spy who succeeds. Half the time his reports are treated. Blasman, who was much more lenient than he usually preferred to make my estimate of the enemy from my own reasoning rather than from the words of spies or deserters. The coupling thereof suggests a sneer. McMillan made more use of spies than Sherman did and they deserved him, notwithstanding all otherwise, as the strength of Lee's army.

In the case of young Tieto, his relatives must depend on making their defense to the United authorities that he is mentally defective. The fact that he is an American can have nothing to do with the process except to obtain him from the officials. And even if we were proven that Germany never heard of the young man, much less encouraged his actions, this could only be pleaded as an indication of the weakness of his mind. —New York Star.

**Use of the Compass.**  
A knowledge of the use of the compass and particularly of its magnetic destination is necessary to navigation. The compass needle does not point to the true north at most places, but to the magnetic north. The 27° curve, an imaginary line at 27° points upon which the needle points in the true north crosses the United States in a diagonal line from Mackinac Island, Lake Michigan to Brevard, Ga. At 55° points to the east of the zero curve to the south of the zero curve the needle is oriented to the west of the curve and the north end of the needle is attracted to the south.

This attraction of variation from true north is extensive and its amount must be known so soon map cannot be oriented. This will be understood when I say that in New Brunswick the compass points 25 degrees to the west of true north. In Central Michigan the variation is 9° while in the state of Washington it is 25 degrees east.

In the absence of a compass a watch may be made to serve instead. Hold the watch in front of the body and level in the hand. Revise it until the hour hand points directly under the sun, half way between the hour and twelve o'clock will then be due south.—October meeting.

What is the secret of your popularity as a public speaker? Well, I have one sure foundation. When I can think of anything else to say I just knock the fish. —Detroit Free Press.

Nurse—Tommy, it's mighty to play soldier in January.

Tommy—Oh, this is all right; it's the Salvation Army. —Chicago News.

The President—The best buck any man can have is never to have been born, but that seldom happens to any one.—Boston Transcript.

Stubbs—"Eve was the first woman soubrette." Grubbs—"How do you make that out?" Stubbs—"She told the male sex of her day that things would be greatly improved just as soon as women was allowed to decide questions." —Richmond Times-Dispatch.

"Why are you wearing night hats, my dear?" "I have been elected," answered Mrs. De Syle, "an honorary member of the National Board of deacons." —Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Repealists and Kines.

A young woman in Washington has been reading that a certain Agent advised the system of rents.

"Agent" is meant by "repealists"—the name of a young man, long known to be her admirer.

"Repealists" responded the gallant youth, "may be defined as mean an exchange in which neither party gains an undue advantage at the expense of the other." For instance, if you give me this, I shall feel bound to give you that.

He said the young woman, "but I fail to understand why an old gentleman should attach so much importance to it." —New York American.

**Texas Press**

**Tides of Gold.**

In 1907 the gold that came into this country from abroad amounted to \$16,227,000. This was the high record for any one year until the war in Europe broke out. In eight months which ended with last August, \$22,700,000 had been imported and there was something like \$16,000,000 on the way or awaiting shipment.

This gold came to us from Mexico, China, South America, France, Australia, and Canada. The last discharge date for London, in a normal year, gold imports are mostly in the form of bars or of decorations sent abroad in other years, but the gold imports of recent months have been almost as much in the form of coined coins as bullion.

Most of the gold is payment for the provisions and munitions and the armaments. Some of it represents investments. Foreigners finding the economies of enterprise at home shocked by the tremendous business of making war, but that is suspicious that a good deal of it is for safety's sake. In every one of the countries in Germany as well as in Britain, in France as in the treacherous Balkans, there are nervous people who are thinking of the peril to their possessions more than their country's peril. They are sending their gold to the one place in the world where danger is to the greatest. Balkan Favorites.

**Reunited Republicans.**

(San Antonio Republic) Again there is a solid republican party in Texas and the same may be practically said of the nation.

At the meeting of leading republicans of the State, held in Dallas last Saturday, a basis was established upon which all republicans can readily unite and work harmoniously together for the principles of their party, reciting and reciting differences and forgetting whatever sectional feelings may have existed in the recent past.

Harmon has been one of the chief advocates of the republicans here in all of the years of its organization these years ago when, unfortunately, too, it was for the country. This was a period of the debut of the democratic party, and the nation took the results. But for this Woodrow Wilson would not have been elected president, and a republican congress would have been directing the affairs of the country for the past two years.

The lesson has been learned, the lesson has been learned, but this will only serve to make the lesson more applicable. Texas republicans have wisely decided to reorganize and to establish the party upon a higher plane, and a more solid foundation, and they will go before the voters of the state with a ticket and a platform which will command the respect of all and invite the support of all patriotic and unprejudiced men, regardless of their party affiliations in the past.

**Explanation Averred.**

(Dallas Evening Journal) The fact that cotton again has gone up close to the 17-cent mark refutes all the talk of a return of the depression.

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**FUTILE EFFORTS TO INJURE WILSON**

The Washington Post declares that those who are attempting to injure President Wilson politically by circulating rumors that his defense policy is required from the influence of men who would profit through government contracts are doing the president a great injustice, but will shortly fail in their purpose.

Certainly they will fail.

Not only that, but they are making themselves ridiculous.

This campaign to defeat the policy of the administration was originated by Mr. Bryan. Some few have taken the cue and followed suit, but their numbers are not large and that is古今.

Two Cleveland newspaper heads insist that these people specifically be disgraced still more although an appeal to the right of freedom and the right of the same continental Indians to govern themselves from the islands is a farce full of lies and contradictions. Mr. Bryan is Durban and has no connection with Durban here, and must not think

of being here.

And he has changed that the metropolitan press of the country has been subsidized by these rascals each.

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But this attack is upon the president nevertheless.

The president himself has not been harassed or harassed by these challenges of his integrity, but he is proceeding right along with his plan to send the country against any danger which may exist now or appear in the future when the end of the present war comes.

What is more, the overwhelming sentiment of the American people is with him.

Members of congress of both the great parties see this very clearly and there will not be many to rally about the peace-at-any-price flag.

As our Washington contemporaries state it, "If there be men in congressional life who are desirous of quitting it at an early period, they have to decide upon the policy of national preparedness and the voters of the next election will see to it that their desire in this regard are fully realized."

President Wilson has not engaged the cause of preparedness from flagitious motives at all. He knows all about, and he is in no way of information upon the subject, but he could not have done so.

Wilson's statement upon the subject next meets there will be few to doubt that he is acting with intelligence and patriotism and with a full understanding of the present condition of our defenses as well as the conditions which make immediate action imperative.

Houston Post.

NOTICE

City taxes for the year 1915 are now due and payable at the office of the City Secretary, E. J. MILLIGAN, City Secretary.

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We cannot truly love the man whose business is his wife; it shapes his every act and plan, it is his eye and bridle. He loves upon the little shapes, and, while he's looking square, he thinks, "They'll tell their daddies, perhaps, and I will get their money." He gives some minkies to the poor, with freedom and surprise, when he is absolutely sure will bring him advertising. He'll stand up strong for any cause which may have caused a butter, if it will help him sell some wares, some rolling or butter. On Sunday to the church he sends, and blocks, while hymns are ringing. "It's good to make these people friendly now days they will be bringing." When some one comes to him, he sheds a tear, as one soft and lonely, but while he weeps above the bar, he thinks of income over. The minkies have all kinds of holes, their trade is well worth gaining, and so I'll whom around and well, my lungs and brains spinning. We find this man in every clique, and with gold locks we rate him; he puts it over for a time, but in the end we hate him.

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W. H. Wright, the author of the "Horn Book," and his wife, Mrs. Mary Wright, have taken up residence in New York. They will be seen at the Hotel Plaza, 5th Avenue, and will be in the city through December 1st.

Miss Anna Schlesinger, a daughter of the author of the "Horn Book," has come to New York to attend the opening of the new school year at the Ethical Culture School, 125th Street and Madison Avenue. She will be seen at the Ethical Culture School through December 1st.

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